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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-10, 13-15 and 18-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ling[U.S. PGPub 20020059192].

4. As to claims 1-3, Ling teaches the invention as claimed including: a method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:

receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponds to a resource [e.g., 32, Fig.2; paragraph 20];

soliciting input of search terms where said RL is invalid [paragraph 27];

receiving input of said search terms [41, Fig.3; paragraph 42];

searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said search terms [42, Fig.3; paragraph 43];

presenting a list of all valid RLs in said predetermined index that correspond to said search terms [43-45, Fig.3];

receiving selection of a RL from said list [e.g., 44, Fig.3; paragraphs 43-44; i.e., filtering is a selection process]; and

retrieving and displaying content from said selected RL [47, Fig.3; note that each of the displayed list is associated with a valid URL for retrieving its relevant content from the Internet],

wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) and said resource comprises a resource accessible via the Internet [Abstract].

5. As to claims 4-6, Ling further teaches that said search terms comprises a wildcard representing a predetermined plurality of characters [e.g., paragraph 22], wherein said search term is representative of a range of values [paragraph 52].

6. As to claim 7, Ling further teaches that the step of retrieving and displaying content from said resource where said RL is valid [note that this is an inherent function of a browser, which is designed to retrieve and display content from a valid URL].

7. As to claim 8, since the features of this claim can also be found in claims 1, it is rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1 above.

8. As to claim 10, Ling teaches that the method further comprises the step of displaying a list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string [e.g., 47, Fig.3].

9. As to claims 9, 13-15 and 18-29, since the features of these claims can also be found in claims 1-8 and 10, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1- 8 and 10 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 11-12 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ling [U.S. PGPub 20020059192], as applied to claims 1-10, 13-15 and 18-29 above.

12. As to claims 11-12, Ling teaches to the point where a user receives a list of valid RLs (i.e., valid RLs that meet with criteria of said RL search string (see 47, Fig.3)).

Ling does not further teach how a user could continue to select from list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string and display content from a resource associated with said selection.

However, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that a person who queries a search engine is not only interested in the search report itself, but also interested in what further content the search report brings forth. That is, it is obvious that Ling's search report is associated with various URLs, on which the user may selectively click and obtain further content from the selected URL.

13. As to claims 16-17, since the features of these claims can also be found in claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15 above.

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Brewster; et al. [U.S. Pat. No. 6539538]; and

Kraft; [U.S. Pat. No. 6529939].

15. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 days from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in ABANDONMENT of the application (see 35 U.S.C. 133, M.P.E.P. 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Conclusion

Examiner note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although

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the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)872-9306 for official communications; and

(571)273-3969 for status inquires draft communication.

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